

Corps of Engineers Center of Expertise for

Hydropower Analysis & Economic Evaluation



Water Management Division
Power Branch
Portland, Oregon

Two Hydropower Centers of Expertise:

Hydropower Analysis Center (HAC):

hydropower and water resource planning and analysis (originally established in 1949 to determine feasibility of proposed hydropower projects in the Pacific NW).



Hydroelectric Design Center (HDC):

engineering and design (originally established in 1948 to support new hydroelectric development on the Columbia River system)



HAC Roles & Capabilities

The HAC has over 50 years of experience in :

- Powerplant sizing, upgrades, and rehabilitation
- •River system analysis
- Cost allocation and reallocation
- Power value and benefit computations
- •Environmental and other powerplant studies
- •Staff is cross-trained & familiar with stakeholders in all regions
- •Works closely with 16 districts, PMA's, HQUSACE
- •Helps the COE meet its hydropower functions efficiently
- •Maintains in-house hydropower expertise to ensure that Corps can continue to efficiently carry out its hydropower mission
- •Support US assistance to other countries (e.g., China, South Korea, Nigeria, Mozambique, etc.).



Organization and Affiliations

